

TAB C

U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

MINUTES

January 14-15, 1988  
San Antonio, Texas

**Commissioners Present:** Daniel H. Carter, Daniel W. Casey, Wanda L. Forbes, George H. Nash, Margaret Phelan, Sally Jo Vasicko, Julia Li Wu, Elinor M. Hashim, ex officio, and Jerald C. Newman, Presiding

**Staff Present:** Vivian J. Arterbery, Dorothy P. Gray, David R. Hoyt, Mary Alice Reszetar, and Jane D. McDuffie, Recording Secretary

**Guests Present:** Cindy Lea Arbelbide, Sunny von Bulow National Victims Center, Ft. Worth, Texas; Dorothy B. Brown, St. Marks Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas; Blane K. Dessy, Director, Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery, Alabama; Paul Dumont, Mesquite, Texas; Tom DuHadway, Burke, Virginia; Thomas J. Galvin, Executive Director, American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois; T. F. Glass, Houston, Texas; Sister Blanche Gothia, Houston, Texas; Marianna Jones, San Antonio, Texas; Sue Kane, Vlhono, Sydney, Australia; Anna Rose Kanning, San Antonio, Texas; Evelyn Kingsbery, Crystal City, Texas; Judith Krantz, Valero Energy Corporation, San Antonio, Texas; Lee La Caff, San Antonio Area Library System, San Antonio, Texas; Rama Mathis, Austin, Texas; Oscar Metzger, San Antonio College Library, San Antonio, Texas; Louis Mohoney, San Marcos, Texas; Peyton Neal, Information Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; Richard L. O'Keefe, Corpus Christi State University, Corpus Christi, Texas; Katherine D. Pettit, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas; Thelma Phillips, Representative, City of Arlington, Ft. Worth, Texas; Irene Scharf, Helotes, Texas; Brooke E. Sheldon, Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas; Karen Whitney, President, American Association of School Librarians Director, Aqua Fria High School, Avondale, Arizona

Thursday, January 14, 1987 - San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, Texas

**MEETING  
CONVENED**

Following an executive session, Chairman Newman called the meeting of the U.S. National Commission and Information Science to order at 10:35 a.m. On behalf of Commissioners and staff, Mr. Newman welcomed the audience of observers to the Commission meeting.

The Chairman announced that the Commission intends to hold it's 1988 quarterly meetings at the following locations:

April 21-22, 1988	Washington, D.C.
June 15-16, 1988	Denver, Colorado
October 27-28, 1988	Atlanta, Georgia

**MINUTES  
APPROVED**

**MOVED** by Daniel Carter, seconded by Margaret Phelan to approve the Minutes of the October 28-29, 1987 U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Commission meeting with one correction:

Page D16, **Search Committee** - Add the name of William J. Welsh.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT**

**San Antonio Commission Meeting** - Mr. Newman thanked Commissioner Carter, Mrs. Arterbery and the NCLIS staff for the arrangements made in San Antonio for the Commission meeting and reception.

**FY 1988 and 1989 Budget** - The Commission has been successful in obtaining it's budget of \$718,000 for fiscal year 1988.

**White House Conference on Library and Information Services** - White House Conference legislation has been passed by the Senate and House; the bill now moves to conference.

**MAYOR'S  
PROCLAMATION**

Chairman Newman informed Commissioners that San Antonio's Mayor Henry Cisneros was unavailable to receive the Members of the Commission as scheduled. Mr. Newman designated Commissioner Casey to receive the proclamation from the Mayor pro tem on behalf of the Commission.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

**NCLIS Programs**

**Literacy:** The major activity under Literacy has been statistics. The Commission held a semi-annual meeting with the Center for Education Statistics (CES) on library statistics. Representatives from 30 organizations were in attendance. There has also been an effort to develop a proposal for the Commission and CES to sponsor a joint project on federal library statistics.

**Informance for Governance:** Commissioners Nash, Vasicko and NCLIS staff have developed preliminary plans to initiate the Information for Governance program.

**Bicentennial of the Constitution:** A draft proposal was prepared to seek funding for the Bicentennial Interactive Satellite project. The proposal was circulated to the GE Foundation for input, not for official action. GE changed its plans and has decided not to fund the types of projects proposed by the Commission.

**Information in the Economy:** On December 10 the Canadians, Britains and NCLIS simultaneously issued the Glennerin Declaration. The Declaration was published in the Federal Register on December 10.

**International:** The Commission cosponsored the conference on Textbooks and Translation Standards in Latin America. This was an invitational conference attended by 35 Latin American and U.S. university officials, librarians and policymakers.

**National Library Card Campaign:** Chairman Newman contacted ABC in an effort to obtain national public service announcement for the National Library Card Campaign. This request has been approved and will be worked on by NCLIS and ALA.

**Sensitive But Unclassified Government Information:**

The testimony from NCLIS' hearing on Sensitive But Unclassified Government Information, which was held in May 1987, has been converted to machine-readable form. The report will be edited and published during the first quarter.

## Administrative

**Deputy Director:** On November 23 David Hoyt joined the staff of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science as Deputy Director.

**NCLIS Annual Report** - NCLIS' 1985-86 Annual Reports have been shipped and will be delivered to Commission headquarters by January 15. Because of past snafus at GPO, Mrs. Arterbery recommended that GPO not be used in the future to print Commission reports.

## **COSLA REPORT**

Chairman Newman introduced William Gooch, Director of the Texas State Library.

Mr. Gooch informed the Commission that Barbara Weaver, President of COSLA, will present a very thorough and detailed report of COSLA activities at the Commission's April meeting.

He reported that the COSLA Executive Board met in Boston, Massachusetts for a planning session to review the current policies, priorities and concerns and to set an action agenda for the next few years. The recommendations resulting from the planning meeting will be presented to the full membership at its spring or fall meeting.

Chairman Weaver has authorized three new ad hoc committees:

- (1) research - to address the issues on which COSLA may wish to initiate or co-operate with research projects;
- (2) statistics - to develop and oversee data gathering procedures for statistics of interest to COSLA; and
- (3) orientation - to develop a packet of materials for orientation for new Chief Officers.

## **TEXAS STATE LIBRARY**

Mr. Gooch thanked NCLIS for the opportunity to speak about the Texas State Library and library service in Texas. Mr. Gooch stated that:

- o Responsibility for the different types of library service is separated in Texas:

school libraries: administered by independent school districts with state supervision from the Texas Education Agency;

college libraries and university libraries: administered by their respective institutions, which in turn receive direction and supervision from the State Coordinating Board; and

public libraries: administered by city and county governments, and in a few instances, private, not-for-profit organizations.

- o The State Library maintains the archives of the state and collect, preserve and make available to researchers the historic papers and documents relating to the development of Texas state government.
- o The State Library provides:
  - records management services to state government;
  - the Library of Congress library service to the blind and physically handicapped;
  - a grant program for establishing new libraries, disadvantaged services, public library construction, and participation in the Texas Union List of Serials project;
  - a grant program for cooperative projects among different types of libraries, particularly for those projects involving library automation;
  - design and production of materials for a statewide summer reading program available to all public libraries;
  - professional staff to consult and provide technical assistance in automation, services to special groups, construction, literacy, and staff development.
- o The Library's Information Services Division provides reference and information service to state government.
- o There are 455 public libraries in Texas serving a population of 14.8 million people.

- o The Texas State Library Development Division provides two major grant programs: the Texas State Library Systems and the TexNet, which is a statewide interlibrary loan network utilizing the OCLC interlibrary loan system, available to all public, academic and special libraries.

In conclusion, Mr. Gooch thanked the Commission for the work it has done and is continuing to do for the nation's libraries.

#### **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

Commissioner Casey represented the Commission at City Hall where he received a Mayoral Proclamation which cited January 14, 1988 as "Libraries and Information Science Day." Mr. Casey received the Proclamation from Mayor Pro Tem Yolanda Vera on behalf of Mayor Henry Cisneros and the City of San Antonio. Chairman Newman requested that the proclamation be framed and hung at the Commission offices in Washington, D.C.

#### **INFORMATION FOR GOVERN- ANCE**

Commissioner George Nash presented the following report on Information for Governance:

Commissioners Nash and Vasicko are working with NCLIS staff to develop programs in the area of Information for Governance. Information has been collected on some of the model programs in this area. The broad question the Commission wishes to address is how local libraries can include their services in the governance process both to those who are the governed, the citizenry, and those who are local governing authorities. It appears that this is a pioneer area by public libraries. There are some programs of a path-breaking nature, Tucson and Orlando, but not a great deal of organized effort in this direction and it is the Commission's hope to encourage further efforts in that direction. One aspect is that libraries can increasingly become conscious tools of local government authorities both as repositories of records and sources of other information, and it is also evident that technology is having its impact in this area as in so many aspects in library work. What the Governance Committee perceives as a viable role by the NCLIS in this area is two-fold: (1) spotlight exemplary programs that exist across America and (2) to attempt to formulate some standards in criteria for effective public library local governance cooperation.

To implement the program NCLIS plans to hold a one-day conference with people active in this field. A tentative program has been planned for March 18 in Washington, D.C. Participants will give brief presentations. Discussion of the problem(s) will follow. On March 19 Commissioners Nash, Vasicko and staff will evaluate the meeting and prepare for the third stage, which could include developing a brochure or booklet highlighting some model studies and criteria, and/or produce a video tape that could be used to publicize the program further. A complete report will be presented at the Commission's April meeting.

Ms. Hashim informed Members that there is more work in the area of governance than the Commission may be aware of. She stated that most municipal libraries in the country are an arm of the local government and the problem may be more that the citizenry is not aware of the kinds of information they can get from the local public library to help them make informed decisions on voting.

**RECOGNITION  
AWARDS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Committee Chairman Margaret Phelan reported on the Recognition Awards Committee meeting. Commissioner Phelan explained the Awards program to the guests. Ms. Phelan informed the Commission that the Award will be presented during the Commission's April meeting in Washington, D.C., however, the time and site have not yet been determined.

**PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Commissioner Casey, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, circulated the scrapbook containing news articles about the Commission. Mr. Casey explained the importance of the news coverage stating that "The public is entitled to know what the Commission is doing." Mr. Casey encouraged Commissioners to:

- o exercise their responsibilities and take an initiative to approach the media and speaking engagements to inform the public of what you're doing in the Commission and generally talk about libraries.
- o give Mrs. Gray the names and addresses of the editors, program managers, radio, television and newspapers in your community, the

Washington Bureau of your local newspapers, newsletters, and alumni publications so stories about the Commission can be distributed.

- o send clippings to Mrs. Gray about any of your appearances.

**MEETING  
RECESSED**

The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

**MEETING  
RECONVENED**

Vice Chairman Bessie Moore called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. and introduced Karen Whitney, President of the American Association of School Librarians and Library Director, Aqua Fria High School, Avondale, Arizona.

**SCHOOL  
LIBRARY  
GUIDELINES**

Ms. Whitney thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak on school library guidelines.

Ms. Whitney reported that:

- o The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) in cooperation with the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) have jointly developed documents by which the profession attempts to improve itself.
- o It is not possible, at the national level, to specify exactly what resources should be in each school library throughout the nation.
- o It is not possible, to clearly define, the components of each school library media program. That can only be done at the local level by engaging in a planning process which involves the administration, teaching faculty, parents in the community and students within the school, to assess the needs of the local school, to look at the resources available in the community, to determine the priorities within the school district to determine within that local school what that program must be in order to achieve the instructional goals of the school.
- o Planning is fundamental to determining the resources needed and the direction in which the program must go.



- o Success in the 21st century is going to hinge upon the individual's ability to adapt to change. Students must be prepared to deal with and adapt to changing conditions.
- o Information explosion is continuing. Not only are the number of resources increasing at a great rate each year, but also the technology with which we must deal in order to access those resources is also becoming more and more complex.
- o The mission of the School Library Media Program is defined as:

**"... program to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information. That mission is accomplished by providing intellectual and physical access to materials in all formats, by providing instruction to foster competence and stimulate interest in reading, viewing and using information and ideas and by working with other educators to design learning strategies to meet the needs of individual students.**

Ms. Whitney stated that the most important things to address were the challenges that we face us the 21st century:

**First challenge:** the challenge to provide intellectual and physical access to information and ideas for a diverse population whose needs are rapidly changing.

**Second challenge:** to ensure equity and freedom of access to information and ideas unimpeded by social, cultural, economic, geographic or technological constraints.

**Third challenge:** promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading, viewing and listening for young people at all ages and stages of development.

**Fourth challenge:** to provide leadership and expertise in the use of information and instructional technology.

**Fifth challenge:** to participate in networks that enhance access to resources located outside the school.

Ms. Whitney informed Members of an upcoming national teleconference on April 12 from the University of South Carolina.

**IMPLICATIONS  
OF LIBRARY  
STANDARDS FOR  
LIBRARIES**

Chairman Newman introduced Blane Dessy, Director of Alabama Public Library Services. Mr. Dessy spoke on "Implications of Library Standards for Libraries." He distributed the Alabama Public Library's Annual Report, an Alabama promotional brochure and lapel pin. Mr. Dessy thanked the Commission, especially Mrs. Arterbery, for the invitation to speak to the Commissioners. He conveyed greetings from the Governor of Alabama, all of its librarians and trustees.

Mr. Dessy reported that:

- o Alabama is currently in the process of revising its state standards for public libraries.
- o The managerial aspect of standards are, in many ways, as important as the actual standards themselves.
- o The succinct description of library standards can be defined as:

The criteria by which library services may be measured and assessed. They are determined by professional librarians in order to attain and maintain the objectives they have set themselves. Standards may be interpreted variously as the pattern of an ideal, a model procedure, a measure for appraisal, a stimulus for future development, and as an instrument to assist decision and action, not only by libraries themselves but by the laymen concerned indirectly with the institution, planning and administration of library services."

- o The plurality of purpose for which standards are used make the development and implementation of library standards so complex.
- o No one agency has been charged to develop public library standards that could be applied uniformly.

Mr. Dessy stated that to the users of the public library, standards apply or could apply a reasonable expectation of levels of library service.

This reasonable expectation of service would apply to a single public library or to libraries generally. It is not unusual to discover that a public library provides uneven levels of service, overtime because of financial reasons, personnel changes, or other local circumstances. The question is often asked of library staffs why they do or don't offer the same services of other libraries.

Standards would provide a structure for consistent, evenly-provided library service and would provide the framework in which service decisions are made and managerial issues are confronted for staffs and trustees of public libraries.

For all funding bodies of libraries, public library standards would imply a level of accountability for their investments.

Public library standards could assist planners in acquiring assessment data, in developing analyses of current and future assessment data, in developing analyses of current and future services, and in writing the plan for improved public libraries.

Public libraries in the U.S. are governed and funded by a variety of agencies. Already in existence are various standards, guidelines, recommendations, regulations and criteria which have varying degrees of influence on public libraries.

Mr. Dessy believes that there is a need for standards. He urged the Commission to remain informed on this issue and urged NCLIS to organize a project to study the future of public libraries and the potential need for a type of standardization process.

Mr. Dessy presented each Commissioner and Mrs. Arterbery with a certificate from Alabama Governor Hunt.

#### **ALA REPORT**

Chairman Newman introduced Dr. Thomas J. Galvin, Executive Director of the American Library Association. Dr. Galvin, on behalf Members of ALA, expressed the desire to enhance even further the close collaboration and creative partnership that has characterized the relationship between the two organizations from the inception of the Commission.

Dr. Galvin distributed a brochure, "Welcome to the American Library Association," a current statement of ALA's Mission, Priority Areas and Goals, and ALA's recently-adopted revised Federal Legislative Policy which reaffirms the long-standing recognition of and continuing support for the work of NCLIS.

Dr. Galvin highlighted five areas in which ALA and the Commission can continue to find creative ways to work closely together in the future. They are:

**Public Awareness** - The success of the National Library Card Campaign. ALA believes that the Campaign should be continued on a multi-year basis, to increase public awareness of the importance of libraries as both a national and a community resource and to encourage greater use of libraries.

**White House Conference on Library and Information Services** - The enactment of enabling legislation and funding authorization in the next session of Congress for support of a White House Conference.

**Human Resources to Staff Library and Information Services** - The library field faces serious shortages of well-qualified men and women to provide the range of library and information services that society wants and needs. Leadership development is the theme of this year's ALA President and ambitious plans have been initiated to strengthen leadership training.

**Statistical Information** - To improve the scope, quality and timeliness of statistical information about library and information services. The NCLIS-ALA-CES partnership, which is sponsoring continuing series of summary statistical reports on the state of the nation's libraries, is on the verge of establishing a major new dimension. It is ALA's hope to work with NCLIS and CES to implement a coordinated program for the annual collection and consolidation into a uniform national report of the statistics on public libraries that are being gathered each year by individual state library agencies.

**Information Access (International and National)** - Dr. Galvin commended NCLIS on the recently adopted Glenelg Declaration. He thanked Mrs. Arterbery for the critical leadership she has provided

during the past year in making it possible for U.S. librarians to reestablish professional contact with colleagues from the Soviet Union.

At the national level ALA and NCLIS share a special concern to preserve and to enhance citizen access to government information. Dr. Galvin opined that the hearing that NCLIS held on sensitive but unclassified information was a key initiative in addressing what the library community perceived as a very serious threat to what was characterized in the Glenerin Declaration as the necessity, in a democratic society, "to create and maintain an environment which provides for the open and unrestricted exchange of information."

Dr. Galvin informed the Commission that at it's recent Midwinter Meeting, the ALA Council adopted a new resolution on the threat to citizen access to government information that is inherent in the headlong rush to contracting out of federal libraries. Dr. Galvin asked the Commission to consider endorsing ALA's statement on "this very serious issue."

In conclusion, Dr. Galvin stated that Members of ALA have valued the "all too brief" opportunity over the past year to work with Mrs. Arterbery.

#### **WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE**

An edited film of the 1979 White House Conference was shown. Commissioner Casey noted that many people attending the Commission's meeting (Commissioners, staff and guests) participated in the 1979 Conference.

#### **WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE REPORT**

Commissioner Casey, Chairman of the White House Conference committee, reported that the White House Conference bill passed unanimously in both houses of Congress late last year.

Mrs. Reszetar stated that the House/Senate conference should take place by mid February, whereupon the bill will be sent to the President for his signature.

After the bill is signed by the President, NCLIS will notify the appointing authorities to begin selecting an Advisory Committee. The Committee will include eight members selected by the Chairman of NCLIS, five from the Speaker of the House, five from the President Pro Tem of the Senate, 10

by President of the United States, in addition to the Secretary of Education and the Librarian of Congress.

Mrs. Reszetar also informed the Commission that there are some amendments that are non germane to the bill and won't make it through the congressional process. Others, "administration favorites", will pass. NCLIS will not be involved in the amendments.

Mr. Casey asked guests and staff to thank Congressmen and Senators in their region for having cosponsored the bill and passing it.

The next steps are to:

- (1) receive funding from the House and Senate;
- (2) prepare a justification for the amount of money needed.

Commissioner Carter prepared a document which describes what kind of funding is needed, and the time needed to prepare for a White House Conference.

The document shows a planning and organization effort which should last six months; an exploratory and implementation, which is perceived to last 18 months; and a wrap up and report which would last six months. State, regional and national activities would be contained during an 18 month period. During the 30 month period the Advisory Committee will be involved and active in all but six months of the 30 months. White House Conference staff will be on board and active during the full 30 months, as will NCLIS. The cost estimate is 5 million dollars over a 30 month period.

Commissioner Casey also reported that:

- o he plans to contact Members of the White House Conference Preliminary Design Group asking that they restructure the timelines and reexamine and update the document;
- o the White House Conference Committee will work with the Public Relations Committee to prepare a news story outlining the

importance, value and progress of the White House Conference. The Committee will recommend that states give attention to pre White House Conference activities;

- o the Committee is working toward the implementation of a White House Conference postage stamp for release on the first day of the White House Conference.
- o the Committee will advocate that a Congressional hearing be held during the White House Conference;
- o the American Trustee Association is holding a workshop in New Orleans, July 9 to stimulate enthusiasm throughout the state for a pre White House Conference. The Commission will receive an invitation to send a speaker to the workshop.

Miss Hashim stressed that this White House Conference should not be a repeat of the first conference held, i.e., as large.

Mr. Newman informed the Members that he has been working with the Executive office of the White House to secure the President's signature when the bill becomes law.

**MEETING  
RECESSED**

The meeting recessed at 4:05 p.m.

Friday, January 15, 1988 - Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin, Texas

**NASH PRE-  
SENTATION**

During the Commission's lunch hour, Commissioner George H. Nash, III gave a presentation on "Books and the Founding Fathers."

**PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS  
REPORT**

Commissioner Casey continued his report of the Public Affairs Committee by circulating recent news stories about the Commission and/or its Members.

As a means to increase the visibility of the Commission, Commissioner Forbes suggested that the Commission convert Commissioner Nash's presentation into pamphlet form, published with NCLIS as

the sponsor, and send it to libraries all over the country. Mrs. Arterbery suggested that the Bicentennial Committee ask the Bicentennial Commission to underwrite Mrs. Forbe's idea. Mr. Nash informed the Commission that the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has first refusal rights since his presentation was first given to them. DAR has plans to publish Mr. Nash's presentation in its monthly magazine.

**INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Commissioner Wu stated that "This is the year of the International Committee." The Committee has played a very active role in many international programs:

- o the Trilateral Conference with Canada and Britain;
- o the Bilateral Conference on Library and Information Technology in Taiwan hosted by Taiwan. Mrs. Wu is continuing negotiations with the Taiwan Ministry of Education for the possibility of future conferences. Mrs. Wu has comprised a list of Commissioners, information technologists and librarians who are interested in joining future conferences.
- o the Conference on Textbooks and Translations Standards in Guatemala.

Mrs. Wu participated in the Conference on Textbooks and Translations Standards in Latin American held November 22-24 in Guatemala. She reported that the Conference was a result of the efforts of Chairman Newman and Commissioner Edwards and involved 35 people from 12 Latin American countries and the U.S. The goal of the conference was to identify a mechanism to fill the information vacuum in Latin American colleges. There was a general feeling that there are a lot of Soviet ideological books and pamphlets infiltrating the Latin American countries and very little from America. Participants agreed that focus should be given to the translation on American college textbooks in the areas of American political science and economics in order to introduce American democratic principles.



Possible barriers are:

- (1) Illiteracy - Since there is a high rate of illiteracy, the materials need to be in easy reading form.
- (2) Tariff/taxes;
- (3) High cost of books - financially Latin American students cannot afford the cost of polished text books

Conference recommendations:

- (1) establish a list of the best college text books in American democratic and economic areas;
- (2) a Board of Trustees should be established in order to implement the program;
- (3) hold a press conference in Washington D.C.;
- (4) establish a clearinghouse to follow up on activities and fund raising.

Commissioner Edwards was elected to serve as the Executive Director of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Wu requested the Chairman to appoint additional Members to the International Committee. Chairman Newman replied that the request will be taken under consideration and advisement.

**PROGRAM  
REVIEW  
COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Phelan, Chairman of the Program Review Committee, commented that a new program proposal was suggested by Vice Chairman Moore. A subcommittee will be established to study Dr. Moore's ideas because they are so vast and need thought on their implementation.

Another subcommittee will be formed for the conference with school administrators, chief school agencies, pta's and teachers groups. Commissioner Carter reported that staff and various program managers have spent a great deal of time setting up a new format for NCLIS. The form describes objectives, programs, and identifies program and staff managers. Mr. Carter stated that the remaining effort will require assistance from the Commissioner who is identified with these programs.

## **BUDGET**

Commissioner Carter distributed and explained the Commission's current budget report. The report contains actual 1987 expenditures against the budgets, along with the first quarter budget for FY 1988. Commissioner Carter provided background information on how budgets are achieved and authorized. Mr. Carter announced that the Commission is committed to holding four Commission meetings this fiscal year. The Commission's FY 1988 budget of \$718,000 represents an increase of \$50,000 over last year's budget.

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD CAMPAIGN**

Mrs. Arterbery reported on the Commission's continued involvement in the National Library Card Campaign. The major action item at the ALA Advisory Committee's recent meeting was the Commission-proposed idea to initiate a National Library Card Campaign Day. The Advisory Committee, on behalf of librarians and libraries would like to expand the Commission's idea from a National Library Card Day to a National Library Card Campaign Month.

The Advisory Group has asked for the Commission's assistance in obtaining a Congressional proclamation for a National Library Card Campaign Month. The Advisory Group would like to have the proclamation by National Library Week, April 18-22, 1988. ALA suggested that Rep. Major Owens, the only librarian in Congress, introduce legislation.

Chairman Newman asked staff to prepare a draft resolution. Mr. Newman will send a letter to the appropriate congressional member in the House and Senate for introduction into legislation.

Commissioner Carter informed the Commission that the "Book It" program sponsored by Pizza Hut is interested in supporting the National Library Card Campaign program.

## **STATISTICS**

Mrs. Reszetar reported on the Commission's work with the Center for Education Statistics (CES) on the Federal/State Cooperative Public Library Data System. The project will provide the basis for planning a national cooperative program involving advisors from a wide variety of perspectives. A draft concept paper was submitted to CES for review. CES is expected to approve and return the draft to Commissioners Phelan and Carter for evaluation. The Memorandum of Understanding, which

will be signed by Chairman Newman, will result in the transfer of \$50,000 to NCLIS to begin a joint project. The ultimate goal of this project is to develop a plan and training materials to train state participant's at the Center's expense. Further in-state training will be provided by the original trainees.

Mrs. Arterbery, referring to Tab Mc, p. 2, called attention to an assessment by staff on the need for public library statistics, and a specific suggestion that the Commission would want to recommend to the Secretary of Education that a Fast Response Survey on public library children's service and use be conducted.

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by Margaret Phelan, seconded by Julia Wu that the Commission request Secretary Bennett to call for a Fast Response Survey on public library children's service and use.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BICENTENNIAL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Commissioner Forbes, Co-Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, stated that the Committee is seeking a source for funding of the video conference program. Funding for the program was recently rejected by the GE Foundation. However, Mrs. Forbes is optimistic that funding will be found and the project will go forward.

**VIVIAN J.  
ARTERBERY**

On behalf of Commissioners and staff, Chairman Newman thanked Mrs. Arterbery for the extraordinary job she has done for the Commission as Executive Director, and wished her well in her new position.

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by Daniel Carter, seconded by George Nash to honor Vivian J. Arterbery with the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Vivian J. Arterbery has served as Executive Director of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science from November 1986 to January 1988, and

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**WHEREAS**, she has inspired the respect and affection of the Commissioners and staff with her dedication, quiet charm, and thoughtfulness, and has continually inspired us with her unflagging elegance and style, and

**WHEREAS**, she has greatly furthered the Commission's work through her creative and efficient coordination of a planning retreat, a public hearing at the Library of Congress, a major event on the Mall, a conference in Central America, and a host of other successes, and

**WHEREAS**, she started with gentle persistence, gradually moving to dogged determination, to eventually obtain dollars from the powers that be before the stroke of midnight on September 30, and

**WHEREAS**, she has shepherded the move of the Commission offices to more prestigiously located, compact, and attractive quarters, and

**WHEREAS**, she has served as an inspiration to all by demonstrating the value of the library/information profession to corporate leadership at the highest levels;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission express its gratitude and admiration for her hard work and noteworthy contributions to NCLIS, and extend its heartfelt congratulations to her on her new position.

Motion carried unanimously.

**REMARKS**

Mrs. Arterbery remarked that it has been an "honor, a stimulation and pleasure to have been with the Commission over the past twelve months."

**MEETING  
ADJOURNED**

Moved by Daniel Carter, seconded by Daniel Casey to adjourn the Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science will be held April 21-22, 1988 in Washington, D.C.



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MOTIONS AND ACTIONS  
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**WHEREAS**, she has greatly furthered the Commission's work through her creative and efficient coordination of a planning retreat, a public hearing at the Library of Congress, a major event on the Mall, a conference in Central America, and a host of other successes, and

**WHEREAS**, she started with gentle persistence, gradually moving to dogged determination, to eventually obtain dollars from the powers that be before the stroke of midnight on September 30, and

**WHEREAS**, she has shepherded the move of the Commission offices to more prestigiously located, compact, and attractive quarters, and

**WHEREAS**, she has served as an inspiration to all by demonstrating the value of the library/information profession to corporate leadership at the highest levels;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission express its gratitude and admiration for her hard work and noteworthy contributions to NCLIS, and extend its heartfelt congratulations to her on her new position.

Motion carried unanimously.